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3. USSR-PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN: POW INCIDENT PUBLICIZED

//MOSCOW HAS GONE PUBLIC WITH ITS PROTEST TO PAKISTAN OVER THE DEATH IN LATE APRIL OF A GROUP OF SOVIET AND AFGHAN POWS WHO WERE KILLED IN PAKISTAN AS THEY TRIED TO ESCAPE THEIR CAPTORS AT AN AFGHAN RESISTANCE CAMP. [REDACTED] THE SOVIETS ARE DEMANDING THAT PAKISTAN PUNISH THOSE INVOLVED AND ARE EXPECTING ISLAMABAD TO DRAW THE PROPER CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMPLICITY AGAINST AFGHANISTAN AND THE USSR. [REDACTED] EMPHASIZED THE HEROISM OF THE

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SOLDIERS FOR ATTEMPTING THE ESCAPE AND NOT SUCCUMBLING TO RESISTANCE
EFFORTS TO MAKE THEM DEFECT.

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PROTEST OVER THE POW INCIDENT PROBABLY ARE DESIGNED IN PART TO ADD
TO THE INTERNAL DEBATE IN PAKISTAN ABOUT AFGHANISTAN WHEN THE
PAKISTANI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES NEXT MONTH. IN ADDITION, THE
SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY SEE INTERNAL BENEFITS, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF
THE VE-DAY CELEBRATIONS, FROM HIGHLIGHTING THE TROOPS' HEROISM.//

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4. ETHIOPIA: PRESSING ON WITH RESETTLEMENT

//ADDIS ABABA CONTINUES TO DIVERT RESOURCES FROM HELPING TO
FEED STARVING PEOPLE IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA TO THE FORCIBLE MOVEMENT
AND RESETTLEMENT OF SOME 900,000 FAMINE VICTIMS BY THE END OF THE
YEAR. ABOUT 400,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED SO FAR. THE EFFORT HAS
REQUIRED THE DIVERSION OF AIRCRAFT, HUNDREDS OF SCARCE TRUCKS, AND
SKILLED MANPOWER. [REDACTED] PREPARATIONS HAVE
BEEN INADEQUATE FOR THE INFUX OF LARGE NUMBERS INTO UNDERDEVELOPED
REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] THE SETTLERS
RECEIVE LITTLE FOOD OR MEDICAL CARE WHILE BEING MOVED AND THAT
HUNDREDS OF CHOLERA CASES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.// b3

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5. TERRORIST WATCH

MIDDLE EAST

---//THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY, AN
IRISH NATIONAL, WAS KIDNAPED IN WEST BEIRUT YESTERDAY. CALLERS
PURPORTING TO REPRESENT THE ISLAMIC JIHAD AND THE LESSER KNOWN
REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MUSLIMS--POSSIBLY A
COVERNAME USED BY THE ABU NIDAL GROUP--CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. THE
LATTER GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDERING TWO BRITISH
DIPLOMATICS IN INDIA AND IN GREECE LAST YEAR AND FOR KIDNAPING A
BRITISH JOURNALIST WORKING FOR THE UN IN LEBANON LAST MARCH.// b2

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--//THREE BOMBS DAMAGED A POLICE STATION AND TWO COURT BUILDINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA YESTERDAY, RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. THE ATTACKS OCCURRED NEAR TSAKANE, WHERE A TRADE UNION LEADER WHO DIED SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING POLICE CUSTODY WAS BEING BURIED. IN RELATED ACTIVITY BLACK LABOR UNIONS CALLED FOR A TWO-HOUR STRIKE TO MARK THE LEADER'S FUNERAL, BUT LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE WORK FORCE SUPPORTED THE CALL.//

6. IN BRIEF

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AFRICA

--//TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ALIENS STILL AWAIT DEPORTATION FROM NIGERIA RIOTING REPORTED . . . CASUALTIES AT BENIN BORDER AND LAGOS DETENTION CAMPS . . . FRONTIERS REMAIN CLOSED . . . NIGERIAN SEALIFT HAS ONLY LIMITED CAPACITY.//

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